REMARKS

The subject application is a continuation application filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of parent application Serial No. 09/515,590, filed on February 29, 2000. The above amendments are submitted to place the application in condition for examination. Claims 1 and 27 have been amended and claims 44-50 have been added. Claims 1-50 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

Timely examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin F. Turner

Registration No. 43,437

Customer Number 32294

SQUIRE, SANDERS & DEMPSEY LLP 14TH Floor 8000 Towers Crescent Drive Tysons Corner, Virginia 22182-2700 Telephone: 703-720-7800

Fax: 703-720-7802

KFT:lls